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Nominations to the Trichinopoly District Board.

* 231 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha : With reference to Mr. Arpudaswami Udayar's question No. 1649 answered on 2nd March 1929, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a statement showing the names of members on the District Board of Trichinopoly representing Muhammadans, Indian Christians, Adi-Dravidas and other minorities and backward communities on 1st July 1929 with dates of their election or nomination; and

(ii) to state on what principle or policy nominations have been made by Government to the District Board?

A.—(i) A list showing the names of members on the Trichinopoly District Board as on 30th June 1929, with information regarding the community to which they belong is laid on the table.[a] Those classified as depressed classes are indicated by means of an asterisk. Government are unable to indicate which of the remaining communities, except Muhammadans and Indian Christians, forms a minority community in the district.

(ii) Attention of the hon. Member is invited to section 9 (5) of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920.

11-15 a.m. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I know why a member of the Reddiyar community was again nominated when there are ten Reddiyars on the district board?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"The Government thought that this member's presence would be useful in the Board."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I know why there is a Brahman nominated when there are four or five Brahmans already there?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"For the same reason."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"May I know whether the power of nomination vesting in the Government is intended to be used for personal reasons or on the opinion of the Minister that so and so is useful or whether it is for giving representation to minority communities which cannot come in by election?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"For both purposes."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"May I know the reason why when there are already three elected Muhammadan members an additional Muhammadan member was nominated?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"I have already given the answer."

Mr. S. Arpudaswami Udayar :—"Do not Reddiyars come under non-Brahmans?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"May I know on what consideration the hon. Minister came to the conclusion that the nomination of an extra Reddiyar or a Muhammadan would facilitate the work of the Board? Is it because they were recommended by the members of the local Ministerialist party?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"No, Sir."

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 576-577 infra.

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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know from which communities the hon. Minister selects candidates for nomination? Is it from communities who are interested in the continuance of the Ministry?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"No, Sir."

Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR :—"May I know whether the hon. Minister has any idea of nominating more Indian Christian members on the board?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The question will be considered."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—"May I know the actual number of Indian Christian members on the board and why the number has been reduced to one?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Notice, Sir."

Action taken on the recommendations of the Roads Committee.

* 232 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether recommendations of the Roads Committee appointed by the Government of India have been communicated to the Local Government;

(*b*) whether any of the hon. Ministers were invited to a conference by the Government of India to consider those recommendations;

(*c*) what relationship or mutual co-operation between the Government of India and the Local Government has been or is to be established as to the carrying out of the recommendations;

(*d*) to what extent it is decided to relieve local bodies of their burdens as to the maintenance of roads or to aid them further for that purpose; and

(*e*) whether it is decided to abolish toll-gates for recovering tolls to any extent and if so, how far?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government of India stated that a conference was likely to be convened but so far no invitation has been received.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) These points are under consideration.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I know, with reference to the answers given to clauses (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*), when the Government expect to pass orders on these points?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I cannot say that, Sir."

Repairs to the Buntwal-Kadur road.

* 233 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to his answer to question No. 43, dated 3rd September 1928—

(*a*) whether any provision has been made for overhauling the Charmadi ghat section of the Buntwal-Kadur road and if not, why; and

(*b*) what steps, if any, the Government propose to take to make that section fit for easy and smooth traffic?

A.—In August 1928, the President, District Board, South Kanara, applied for a grant of Rs. 15,000 in 1929-30 for special repairs to the Charmadi Ghat road (now known as the Mangalore-Mysore road). No provision could be made in the budget for the works